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## STATUS OF PROJECTS

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

STATUS OF PROJECTS

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1. COMPLETED PROJECTS  
(May 19, 1952 - May 26, 1952)

(NONE)

## 2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

### A. ITEMS SCHEDULED ON AGENDA FOR THE 117th NSC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1952 (Agenda dated May 23, 1952)

#### THE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST

For discussion of the subject in the light of an oral briefing by the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, on the military situation in Korea. Scheduled as item 1.

#### GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE SECURITY PROGRAM

(NSC 113 and NSC 113/1; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated May 16 and May 22, 1952)

A letter by the President on the subject was transmitted as NSC 113 for the information of the Council and was referred to the ICIS for preparation of a response for Council consideration, as directed by the President in the 4th paragraph thereof. A memorandum from the Chairman, ICIS, together with its attached report on the subject prepared by the ICIS with the participation of the Civil Service Commission in response to the request of the President contained in NSC 113, was submitted as NSC 113/1 for consideration by the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Acting Director of Defense Mobilization, the Chairman, Civil Service Commission, and the Director, Bureau of the Budget, of the recommendations contained in the second and fifth paragraphs of the memorandum. A change in the Recommendations of the report, proposed by the Senior NSC Staff, and a memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence, were transmitted by the reference memos of May 16 and May 22 respectively, for the consideration of the Council in this connection. Scheduled for consideration as item 2.

#### EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF CIVILIAN MANPOWER OF NON-SOVIET NATIONS FOR WORK OF VALUE TO NATIONAL DEFENSE (NSC Action No. 633; NSC 130)

The Council at its meeting on April 30, discussed the statement of policy contained in the reference report on the subject, prepared by the NSC Staff including representatives of the Departments of Justice and Labor, and deferred action thereon until the next meeting (NSC Action No. 633). Scheduled for further consideration as item 3. The Attorney General and the Secretary of Labor have been invited to participate with the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Acting Director of Defense Mobilization in action on this item.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC (Cont'd)

U. S. POLICIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD WHICH MAY AFFECT THE WAR POTENTIAL OF THE SOVIET BLOC

(Progress Report, dated April 23, 1952, by the Secretary of State and the Director for Mutual Security on NSC 104/2)

The reference Progress Report by the Secretary of State and the Director for Mutual Security on the subject has been circulated for the information of the Council, and is scheduled to be noted as item 4.

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARDS ISRAEL AND THE ARAB STATES:

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD THE ARAB STATES AND ISRAEL; and

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD ARMS SHIPMENTS TO THE NEAR EAST

(Progress Report, dated April 23, 1952, by the Under Secretary of State on NSC 47/2, NSC 47/5 and NSC 65/3)

The reference Progress Report by the Under Secretary of State on the subject has been circulated for the information of the Council and is scheduled to be noted as item 5.

THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH ASIA

(Progress Report, dated April 23, 1952, by the Secretary of State on NSC 98/1)

The reference Progress Report by the Secretary of State on the subject has been circulated for the information of the Council and is scheduled to be noted as item 6.

THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO GREECE

(Progress Report, dated April 23, 1952, by the Under Secretary of State on NSC 103/1)

The reference Progress Report by the Under Secretary of State on the subject has been circulated for the information of the Council and is scheduled to be noted as item 7.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC (Cont'd)

B. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY MEMORANDUM ACTION

PLAN FOR CONDUCTING PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS DURING GENERAL HOSTILITIES

(NSC 127; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 3, 1952; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "National Psychological Warfare Plan for General War", dated May 8 and July 23, 1951; NSC 59/1; Presidential Directive of April 4, 1951, Establishing the Psychological Strategy Board; NSC 20/4)

A plan on the subject, approved by the Psychological Strategy Board, on February 21, 1952, was submitted by the reference memo of March 3 as NSC 127 for the consideration of the NSC, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Director of Defense Mobilization. NSC 127 was also submitted to the Director, Bureau of the Budget, for comment. This plan was prepared in the light of changes proposed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff (reference memo of July 23) in the "National Psychological Warfare Plan for General War", submitted by the reference memo of May 8. Approved with revised paragraph 19 by DMS, March 7; by ODM, March 10; by NSRB, March 11; by Treasury, March 12; by State, March 27; by Defense, April 4; by the Vice President, April 8. The views of the Director, Bureau of the Budget, on NSC 127 were submitted on May 1 and transmitted to the Psychological Strategy Board for comment. Awaiting comment by the PSB.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC (Cont'd)

C. ITEMS AWAITING SUBSEQUENT NSC CONSIDERATION

EVACUATION OF CIVILIAN POPULATIONS IN CIVIL DEFENSE  
(NSC 131)

As requested by the Deputy Civil Defense Administrator, a draft Policy Memorandum by the Federal Civil Defense Administration on the subject, has been submitted as NSC 131 for consideration by the NSC of the policy contained in paragraph III thereof. Awaiting consideration by the Council at an early meeting.

### 3. CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS

#### A. SENIOR NSC STAFF

UNITED STATES POLICY WITH RESPECT TO BERLIN AND EASTERN GERMANY (NSC 89; NSC 73/4, par. 42; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject: "Additional Airlift to Support the Far East", dated September 27 and November 20, 1950; NSC Action No. 368; Memos for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated October 31, 1950 and May 27, 1952; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject: "Courses of Action in the Event East Germany Imposes a Blockade in Berlin", dated February 16, 1951; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject: "United States Policy With Regard to a Possible New Berlin Blockade", dated March 27, 1951; Memos for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject, "Possible Soviet Action Against Berlin", dated May 14 and May 19, 1952; NIE-50, 53 and 53/1)

At its 69th Meeting the Council noted the reference memo of September 27, 1950 and the fact that the situation presented therein would be taken into consideration in the studies on the Berlin blockade referred to in par. 42 of NSC 73/4. Memoranda on the subject by the Deputy Under Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense were circulated for Council information as NSC 89, and referred to the NSC Staff for use in connection with this Staff project. JCS study on airlift capabilities circulated to Senior Staff by the reference memo of October 31, 1950. Subsequent memo by the Deputy Secretary of Defense (reference memo of November 20, 1950) circulated for Council information and referred to the Staff for consideration in connection with this project. Views of the JCS on "Courses of Action in the Event East Germany Imposes a Blockade in Berlin" circulated by the reference memo of February 16, 1951 to the Senior Staff for consideration in connection with this project upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense. NIE-50, 53 and 53/1, issued by CIA, relate to the above subject.

On February 23, 1951, the Senior Staff noted that the JCS views would be taken into account in the early completion of a draft report on "U.S. Policy With Respect to Berlin and Eastern Germany", now under preparation in the Department of State in collaboration with the Department of Defense. Report by State circulated by reference memo dated March 27, 1951 considered by the Senior Staff on April 3, 1951 and referred to the Staff Assistants for revision in the light of the discussion. At its meeting on November 20, in connection with a review of the NSC Status of Projects, the Senior Staff agreed that the Staff Assistants should endeavor to complete this project as soon as possible.



CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

UNITED STATES POLICY WITH RESPECT TO BERLIN AND EASTERN GERMANY (Cont'd)

The Senior Staff at its meeting on May 15 discussed the draft report on "Possible Soviet Action Against Berlin", prepared by the Department of State and attached to the reference memo of May 14, and agreed that the Staff Assistants should revise the draft report in the light of the discussion. Memorandum on the likelihood of early Soviet action against Berlin in response to the signing of the EDC and contractual accords, prepared in CIA, was circulated by the reference memo of May 19 at the request of the Senior CIA Member for the information of the Senior Staff.

Draft report on the subject prepared by the Staff Assistants on the basis of the initial State draft is being transmitted by the reference memo of May 27 for consideration by the Senior Staff at its meeting on May 29.

CONDITIONS FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WITH THE USSR

/PRIORITY PROJECT/

(Records of Senior NSC Staff Meetings February 23 and May 24, 1951; NSC 79; NSC 112; NSC Action No. 511; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject: "United States and Allied Objectives in the Event of Global War", dated September 6, 1950)

On February 23, 1951, the Senior NSC Staff agreed that the NSC 79 project on United States and allied war objectives should be completed in two sections and that the section on the above subject, including a plan for reduction and regulation of armaments and armed forces, should be completed as a matter of priority. On May 24 the Senior Staff agreed that the completion of this project would provide an important background for obtaining popular support for U. S. national security policies.

Report by the Secretaries of State and Defense in connection with the plan referred to above, adopted by the Council (NSC Action No. 511) and approved by the President as NSC 112. On July 10, the Senior NSC Staff noted that NSC 112 was the first step toward completion of this project and that further work would proceed in the light of Council action on NSC 112. The Steering Committee on this project at a meeting on April 29 agreed that the Senior State Member should re-examine this project and the one below, with a view to expediting their completion or proposing their cancellation. Awaiting report by the Senior State Member.

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

UNITED STATES AND ALLIED WAR OBJECTIVES IN THE EVENT OF GLOBAL WAR

(NSC 79; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated September 6, 1950)

JCS memo (NSC 79) circulated for Council information and referred to the Staff for use in the preparation of a report. The Senior Staff designated an ad hoc group to draft a report to include both a statement of war objectives in the event of global war, and such related questions as a statement of the conditions that the U. S. would be willing to accept for a peaceful settlement with the USSR and its satellites. At the initial meeting of the ad hoc group under the chairmanship of the State Member on October 6, 1950, the form and content of a response to the problems posed by NSC 79 were discussed and agreed upon.

On February 23, 1951, the Senior Staff agreed that this project should be divided as follows: (1) a statement of U. S. and allied war objectives in the event of a global war; and (2) a statement of the conditions the U. S. would be willing to accept for a peaceful settlement with the USSR, including a plan for the reduction and regulation of armaments and armed forces. The Steering Committee on this project at a meeting on April 29 agreed that the Senior State Member should re-examine this project and the one above, with a view to expediting their completion or proposing their cancellation. Awaiting report by the Senior State Member.

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

(NSC 68 Series; NSC 114 Series; NSC Action No. 575; Memos for Senior NSC Staff, from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated November 6, 1951 and March 11, 1952; Memos for the Steering Committee on the NSC 68 and 114 Series, from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 19, April 3, April 14 and May 19, 1952)

The Council on October 17 (NSC Action No. 575-g), directed the Senior NSC Staff to submit for Council consideration at the earliest practicable date a reappraisal of the policies and programs set forth in the NSC 68 and 114 Series, including a revision of Part I of NSC 114/2 and in the light of: (1) Further analysis of Soviet atomic capabilities as indicated by the recent explosion of another atomic bomb in the USSR; and (2) the current evaluation of the net capability of the USSR to injure the continental United States (see Section 4). At its meeting on October 24, the Senior NSC Staff noted the

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY (Cont'd)

statement by the Executive Secretary that the Senior State Member had agreed to prepare a draft of the political and foreign policy considerations to be included in the reappraisal of the NSC 68 and 114 Series; and that the Senior Defense, JCS and CIA Members would prepare a revision of the portions of Part I of NSC 114/2 relating to military capabilities, in the light of the two factors mentioned above.

At the request of the Director, Psychological Strategy Board, paragraphs on "Psychological Strategy in the Ensuing Years", prepared by the Staff of the PSB, were circulated by the reference memo of November 6 for the information of the Senior Staff, and were referred to the Senior State Member for consideration in connection with his preparation of the draft of the political and foreign policy considerations to be included in the reappraisal of the NSC 68 and 114 Series.

The Steering Committee on this project, at a meeting on February 19, agreed that as an initial step, outlines on the following topics should be prepared as indicated, for consideration by the Steering Committee at an early meeting: (1) Assets and Liabilities of the Soviet Empire versus the Free World (the Senior CIA Member); (2) Bases of Soviet and Communist Actions (the Senior State Member); and (3) Analysis of the Situation in Major Areas of the World (the Senior State Member). Outline of anticipated activity by the NSC over the balance of the calendar year with respect to U. S. objectives and programs for national security was transmitted by the reference memo of March 11 for the information of the Senior Staff. The Senior Staff at its meeting on March 13, agreed that the reappraisal of policies called for by NSC Action No. 575-c should be considered by the Senior Staff not later than April 1, and by the Council not later than April 16. Draft outlines prepared in accordance with the above action of the Steering Committee were transmitted to the Steering Committee by the reference memo of March 19.

The Steering Committee at a meeting on April 8 discussed the portions of a preliminary draft report attached to the reference memorandum of April 3 and agreed that the drafting committee should revise the preliminary draft report on the basis of: (1) The discussion in the meeting. (2) Revised paragraphs relating to the atomic-thermonuclear question -- to be prepared

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY  
(Cont'd)

by the Senior JCS Member. (3) Additional paragraphs relating to mobilization and economic stabilization policies -- to be prepared by the Senior ODM Member. (4) A section on political and psychological capabilities and vulnerabilities -- to be prepared jointly by the Senior State and CIA Members. (5) Part III, "Analysis of the Situation in Major Areas of the World" -- now under preparation by the Senior State Member. The Steering Committee also agreed that when a revised draft of Parts I-III inclusive is prepared, the Steering Committee would meet to consider this revision and to discuss, for the guidance of the drafting committee, the content of Part IV, relating to U. S. strategy and containing the conclusions to be recommended to the Council. The Steering Committee on this project, at a meeting on April 29, agreed to cancel Part III of the interim report and directed the drafting committee to expedite the completion of a draft consisting of Parts I and II plus Conclusions.

At its meeting on May 22, the Steering Committee on this project discussed the draft report on the subject, prepared by the drafting committee of the Staff Assistants (attached to the reference memo of May 19), and agreed that the drafting committee should prepare draft recommendations on the subject for early Steering Committee consideration. Awaiting further consideration of the draft report by the Steering Committee at a meeting on May 27 and preparation of draft recommendations by the drafting committee. (See also related projects above and below.)

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO  
COMMUNIST AGGRESSION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

(NSC 124 and Annex to NSC 124; NSC Action Nos. 597 and 614; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 4, April 15, April 30, and May 21, 1952; SE-22; NSC 48/5; NSC 64; Memos for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 11 and April 30, 1952; Record of Meeting of the Senior NSC Staff on March 13, 1952)

The Council on December 19, 1951 discussed the situation in Indochina in the light of recurring rumors of impending Chinese Communist intervention, and at the suggestion of the Secretary of State, directed the Senior NSC Staff to expedite the report on U. S. policy toward Southeast Asia, with

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO  
COMMUNIST AGGRESSION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA (Cont'd)

particular reference to possible courses of action regarding Indochina (NSC Action No. 597-b). Draft report on the subject, prepared by the NSC Staff in accordance with NSC Action No. 597-b, was submitted as NSC 124 and Annex to NSC 124 for consideration by the NSC.

The Council at its meeting on March 5, 1952 (NSC Action No. 614): (a) directed the NSC Staff to prepare an agreed set of assumptions, along the lines suggested by the Secretary of State as a basis for further studies by the Department of State and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, respectively, of diplomatic and military courses of action to counter identifiable Communist aggression in Southeast Asia; (b) referred NSC 124 to the NSC Staff for reconsideration in the light of the above studies; and (c) directed the NSC Staff to prepare for Council consideration a report on U. S. courses of action in Southeast Asia to counter continued deterioration of the existing situation in the absence of identifiable Communist aggression.

Assumptions proposed by the Secretary of State on the subject circulated to the Senior Staff on March 5. The Senior Staff at its meeting on March 6, discussed the procedure for further work on the project by the NSC Staff, and agreed that: (a) the Steering Committee on NSC 124 should prepare draft assumptions on the subject for Senior Staff consideration with a view to preparation of the set of agreed assumptions called for by NSC Action No. 614-a; and (b) the Steering Committee, pursuant to NSC Action No. 614-c, should prepare for Senior Staff consideration a draft report on U. S. courses of action in Southeast Asia to counter continued deterioration of the existing situation in the absence of identifiable Communist aggression.

The Senior Staff on March 13 considered and amended the draft paper attached to the reference memo of March 11 and approved the amended version (attached to the reference record of meeting) as a basis for further studies by State and JCS respectively, of diplomatic and military courses of action to counter identifiable Communist aggression in Southeast Asia. The paper, as approved, subsequently transmitted to the Secretaries of State and Defense for appropriate action.

Memoranda by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Department of State, prepared in response to NSC Action No. 614-a on the basis of the assumptions developed by the Senior NSC Staff,

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO  
COMMUNIST AGGRESSION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA (Cont'd)

were transmitted by the reference memos of April 15 and April 30 respectively, for the information of the NSC and have been referred to the NSC Staff for use in connection with its reconsideration of NSC 124. Draft report prepared by State in response to NSC Action No. 614-c, was transmitted by the reference memo of April 30 for the consideration of the Senior Staff. At the request of the Secretary of Defense, a study by the Joint Chiefs of Staff which sets forth a United States military position toward the Indonesian Island Chain, was transmitted by the reference memo of May 21 for the information of the NSC and referred to the NSC Staff for use in connection with its reconsideration of NSC 124 pursuant to NSC Action No. 614. The Steering Committee on NSC 124, at its meeting on May 22, agreed that a drafting committee consisting of the Staff Assistants from State and Defense, MS, JCS and CIA, should prepare a consolidated draft report on the subject. Awaiting preparation of a draft report by the drafting committee.

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION IN KOREA  
(NSC 118/2; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 18, 1951; NIE-55; SE-20; NSC Action No. 595)

The Council in adopting NSC 118/1 as amended (subsequently issued as NSC 118/2), referred the alternative versions of subparagraph 2-b-(6) to the Senior NSC Staff for review in the light of an analysis of the traffic in and out of Communist China and the probable effectiveness of an embargo or blockade (NSC Action No. 595-a-(4)). The Steering Committee on this project at its meeting on May 22, agreed that it should, at an early date, review NSC 118/2 in the light of the current situation. Awaiting preparation by CIA of studies called for by NSC Action No. 595-a-(4). and review of NSC 118/2 by the Steering Committee.

SECURITY OF STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS IN  
FOREIGN COUNTRIES

(Progress Report, dated July 24, 1951 by the Department of State on NSC 29; NSC Action Nos. 531 and 610; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated April 21, 1952)

By NSC Action No. 531 the Council referred the reference Progress Report to the Senior NSC Staff for recommendations regarding the desirability of a revision of the list of

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

SECURITY OF STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS IN  
FOREIGN COUNTRIES (Cont'd)

operations contained therein and the frequency of future progress reports by the Department of State. On September 27, in connection with a review of the NSC Status of Projects, the Senior Staff agreed that the State Department, with the assistance of a sub-committee composed of representatives from Defense, NSRB, ODM, and CIA, would assume responsibility for the preparation of a draft report pursuant to NSC Action No. 531. Memorandum from the Office of the Secretary of Defense dated October 2, 1951, which advised that recommendations by the Munitions Board for revision of the list of strategically important industrial operations would be submitted by December 15, 1951, was transmitted to the Senior State member of the NSC Staff for his information and use in connection with this project. The Senior Staff on March 13, in connection with a review of the Status of Projects, agreed that in view of the actions now underway, no further recommendations to the Council are needed and that the Senior State member should prepare for Senior Staff consideration, a draft memorandum to the Council reflecting this conclusion.

The Senior Staff at its meeting on April 24, considered the interim report on the subject, prepared in State and transmitted by the reference memo, and deferred further action on the subject pending study by interested departments and agencies of a forthcoming report by a task group of the Special Interagency Committee on Foreign Sources of Critical Materials. Awaiting study by the departments and agencies concerned as indicated above.

RELATIVE COST OF ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN MIDDLE EAST  
OIL FACILITIES OR OF OFFSETTING THEIR LOSS

(Record of meeting of Senior NSC Staff on November 27, 1951; NSC 97/2; Memos for the Steering Committee on the NSC 97 Series, from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 18 and March 4, 1952; NSC 129/1)

The Senior NSC Staff at its meeting on November 27, agreed that, in connection with but not necessarily as a part of the Mediterranean and Middle East project (see NSC 129/1 and project on Iran below), the Department of Defense should prepare a study of the cost of the military effort in terms of feasibility, time and material, and the forces required to ensure the continued availability of oil from the Bahrain-Qatar-Saudi Arabia area, and the Office of Defense Mobilization should prepare a study of the economic cost in terms of feasibility, time and material required to offset the loss of oil from that area. JCS views on the feasibility of holding the Bahrain-Qatar-Saudi Arabia area were transmitted by the reference memo of February 18 for the use of the Steering Committee on NSC 97 in connection with this project. At the request of the Senior ODM member, a letter to him from the Deputy Administrator, Petroleum Administration for Defense, was

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

RELATIVE COST OF ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN MIDDLE EAST OIL FACILITIES OR OF OFFSETTING THEIR LOSS (Cont'd)

transmitted to the Steering Committee on NSC 97 by the reference memo of March 4 as the ODM study of the economic cost in terms of feasibility, time and material required to offset the loss of oil from the Bahrein-Qatar-Saudi Arabia area. The Steering Committee at its meeting on April 29 agreed that the completion of this project should be deferred pending receipt of a forthcoming report on the national petroleum program (NSC 97 series - see Section 4 below) now in preparation by ODM. Awaiting report on the national petroleum program by ODM.

ORGANIZED AND COORDINATED PROGRAM OF PRECLUSIVE BUYING

(Memo for NSC from Acting Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 11, 1952; NSC 104/2, paragraphs 11 and 12; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "Assignment of Responsibilities for Economic Defense", dated November 7, 1951 and January 25, 1952; NSC Action No. 126)

Memorandum by the Chairman, NSRB, and its attached draft analysis on the subject were circulated by the reference memo of February 11 for the information of the Council, the Secretaries of the Treasury and Commerce, the Director of Defense Mobilization and the Director, Bureau of the Budget. The memorandum and its attached draft analysis were referred to the Senior NSC Staff for use in the preparation of appropriate recommendations for Council consideration. The Senior Staff, at its meeting on February 28, agreed that studies along the lines of those listed in the enclosure to the reference memo of February 11 should be prepared within 30 days, as a basis for Senior Staff consideration of the desirability and feasibility of the initiation of a preclusive buying program. The Senior Staff referred the preparation of such studies to the Mutual Trade Security Advisory Committee (augmented for this purpose by the participation of NSRB) for appropriate coordination in accordance with the "Memorandum of Agreement" attached to the reference memorandum of January 25. (Note: the name of this committee was subsequently changed to the "Economic Defense Advisory Committee.") Awaiting study by the Economic Defense Advisory Committee.

UNITED STATES POSITION WITH RESPECT TO JAPAN  
(NSC 125; NSC 48/5; NSC 60/1)

At the direction of the President, a memorandum from the President to the Acting Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense on "Interim Policy with Respect to Japan", and its attachments, consisting of a memorandum to the President from



CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

UNITED STATES POSITION WITH RESPECT TO JAPAN (Cont'd)

the Acting Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense on the same subject, an "Interim Policy with Respect to Japan", and an "Interim Directive to the Commander-in-Chief, Far East, Concerning the Joint Committee Provided in the Administrative Agreement With Japan", were transmitted as NSC 125 for the information of the NSC. Pursuant to the President's request, NSC 125 was referred to the Senior NSC Staff for its information and use in the preparation of a report on Japan for Council consideration. Awaiting State-Defense draft.

THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO IRAN

(NSC 117; NSC 107/2; NSC 129/1; Memos for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject, "United States Objectives and Policies with Respect to the Area of the Arab States, Iran and Israel During the Period of the Cold War", dated February 27 and March 4, 1952.)

Memorandum from the Joint Chiefs of Staff on "The Anglo-Iranian Problem", was submitted to the Council at the request of the Secretary of Defense as NSC 117. At its meeting on November 20, the Senior Staff agreed that NSC 117 should be listed in the Status of Projects as a reference in connection with the project on the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East, rather than as a separate item. Subsequently the subject of the latter project was changed from the "Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East" to "The Area of the Arab States, Iran and Israel".

The Senior Staff at its meeting on March 6 in connection with a discussion of the draft report on "United States Objectives and Policies With Respect to the Area of the Arab States, Iran and Israel During the Period of the Cold War" transmitted by the reference memos agreed that this draft report should include the Arab States, Israel and the Middle East Command (see NSC 129/1), but not Iran, which was to be covered by the forthcoming revision of NSC 107/2. Awaiting preparation of a draft revision of NSC 107/2 by State. (See also related projects above and in Section 2-C.)

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD FORMOSA, THE CHINESE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT AND OTHER ANTI-COMMUNIST CHINESE FORCES

(NSC Action No. 624; NSC 128; NSC 48/5; Memo for the Steering Committee from the Executive Secretary, subject, "United States Policies on Support for Anti-Communist Chinese Forces", dated March 28, 1952; Memo for the Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated April 24, 1952)

The Council on April 2 (NSC Action No. 624): (a) discussed

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD FORMOSA, THE CHINESE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT AND OTHER ANTI-COMMUNIST CHINESE FORCES (Cont'd)

the reference report by the Acting Secretary of Defense on Formosa (NSC 128); and (b) directed the NSC Staff, after preliminary discussion by the Departments of State and Defense and CIA, to prepare a report for Council consideration in the light of a review of NSC 48/5, insofar as it pertains to United States policy toward Formosa, the Chinese Nationalist Government, and other anti-Communist Chinese forces and in the light of the views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff contained in NSC 128. JCS views on "United States Policies on Support for Anti-Communist Chinese Forces" were transmitted by the reference memo for the information of the Steering Committee.

The Senior Staff at its meeting on April 29 discussed the subject on the basis of the reference memo of April 24 reporting the results of the preliminary discussions pursuant to NSC Action No. 624-b, and constituted the Steering Committee on NSC 128, consisting of the Senior State, Defense, MS, JCS and CIA members, to prepare for Senior Staff consideration a draft of the report called for by NSC Action No. 624-b in the light of the preliminary discussions.

The Steering Committee on NSC 128 at a meeting on May 6 discussed the subject and agreed that: (a) CIA should be requested to prepare for Steering Committee consideration a special estimate as outlined in the memo distributed by the Senior CIA Member and amended in the light of the discussion; (b) the Senior Defense Member should prepare a report on the current and projected military advisory and assistance program for Formosa including pertinent directives and rate and scale of deliveries; (c) the Senior MS Member should prepare a report on the current and projected program for economic assistance to Formosa; (d) the Senior CIA Member should prepare a report on current and projected activities in this general area; and (e) upon receipt of these reports the Steering Committee would determine subsequent procedure for the preparation of the report called for by NSC Action No. 624-b. Awaiting reports by CIA, Defense and MS as indicated above.

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

B. NSC STAFF ASSISTANTS

(NONE)

4. OTHER CURRENT COUNCIL PROJECTS

ELIGIBILITY OF FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES TO RECEIVE CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

(Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated June 14, and November 19, 1951; NSC Action No. 507; Progress Report, dated December 20, 1951, by the NSC Representative on Internal Security on NSC 17/4 and 17/6)

Memorandum by the Chairman, Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security (ICIS), and attached draft Presidential directive together with a report and proposed regulations on the subject, were transmitted by the reference memo of June 14 for consideration by the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Director of Defense Mobilization and the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission. Approved by ODM, June 19; by Justice, June 21; by State, June 28; by Treasury, June 29; by NSRB, July 2; by AEC, July 9.

The Acting Secretary of Defense on July 2 recommended that the Council defer action on this memorandum until the Standing Group of the NATO has had an opportunity to examine the proposed regulations. On July 11 the NSC agreed that further consideration should be deferred, pending the outcome of the NATO negotiations, as recommended by the Acting Secretary of Defense (NSC Action No. 507).

Memorandum from the Office of the Secretary of Defense and its attached report on the present status of negotiations within NATO were circulated by the reference memo of November 19 for the information of the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Director of Defense Mobilization and the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission. In accordance with the proposal by the Department of Defense in the first sentence of the memorandum, the draft Presidential directive and related papers on the subject, transmitted by the reference memo of June 14, were referred back to the ICIS for reconsideration in the light of this memorandum from the Department of Defense. Awaiting report by the ICIS.

A PROJECT TO PROVIDE A MORE ADEQUATE BASIS FOR PLANNING FOR THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

(Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated June 5, July 17 and 30 and August 7, 1951; NSC Action No. 519; NSC Action No. 543)

Memorandum by the Chairman, Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security, and its attached report by the ICIS on the subject, were transmitted by the reference memo of June 5 for

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Council consideration of the "Recommendations " contained in Part VII thereof and of the proposed National Security Council Directive. Prior to Council Action, at the direction of the President, the views of the Director of Central Intelligence were requested and transmitted by the reference memo of July 17 for consideration by the Council concurrently with the ICIS report. JCS views submitted by the reference memo of July 30.

At its meeting on August 1 the Council agreed to the four steps proposed by the JCS in paragraph 3 of the reference memo of July 30, subject to the assignment of paragraph 3-b to the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference. The Council also agreed that the resulting reports should be integrated into a single report to it under the coordination of the Director of Central Intelligence with the assistance of representatives of the appropriate departments and agencies. The Director of Central Intelligence undertook to prepare a directive along these lines for consideration by the Council.

Draft directive on the subject, prepared by the Director of Central Intelligence was approved by the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General and the Director of Defense Mobilization (NSC Action No. 543). Awaiting report by the Director of Central Intelligence.

A NATIONAL PETROLEUM PROGRAM

(NSC 97 and NSC 97/2; Memos for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject: "World-Wide Demand and Supply of Petroleum in Event of a Major War", dated August 3 and October 8, 1951 and February 27 and March 17, 1952; Record of Meeting of Senior NSC Staff of August 16, 1951; Memos for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated August 20 and October 24, 1951; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "Security of Certain Middle East Areas", dated December 11, 1951; Memo for the Steering Committee on NSC 97 by the Executive Secretary, same subject dated May 22, 1952; NSC Action No. 592)

At the direction of the President, a letter from the Acting Secretary of Defense on the subject (NSC 97) was referred to the Director of Defense Mobilization to develop a national petroleum program leading to the complete supply of allied requirements for consideration by the NSC. Interim report on the subject (NSC 97/1), prepared by the NSC Staff based largely on studies by ODM and PAD, was amended by the Council and submitted to the President on December 12 (NSC Action No. 592). The President on December 13 approved the Interim

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Recommendations contained in NSC 97/1, as amended, and directed their implementation by all executive departments and agencies of the U. S. Government under the coordination of the Director of Defense Mobilization. Report as amended subsequently issued as NSC 97/2.

At the request of the Senior ODM Member a "Refining Supplement" to the basic report transmitted by the reference memo of August 3 and a report on "Petroleum Transportation in the United States" which also supplements this basic report have been transmitted by the reference memos of February 27 and March 17 for the information of the Senior Staff. At the request of the Senior ODM Member a memorandum which proposes assumptions to serve as the basis of a progress report by ODM and PAD on the National Petroleum Program, was transmitted to the Steering Committee on NSC 97 by the reference memo of May 22, and is scheduled for consideration at a meeting of the Steering Committee on May 27.

UNITED STATES PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

(NSC 114 Series; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated October 18, 1951; NSC Action No. 575; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject, "United States Objectives and Programs for National Security", dated March 11, 1952)

The President, in approving the recommendation of the NSC (NSC Action No. 575-a) with respect to NSC 114/2 on the subject, stated that the authorization contained in NSC 114/2 established neither an upper nor a lower limit for budget estimates, but in accordance with the understanding of the Secretary of Defense as stated at the Council meeting, it constituted a point of departure for the normal budget process (reference memo of October 18).

The President on February 28, requested that the departments and agencies responsible for each of the national security programs described in the NSC 114 Series, prepare for his information and for the National Security Council current summary statements of those programs, as approved by the President for presentation to Congress. Outline of anticipated activity by the NSC over the balance of the calendar year with respect to U. S. objectives and programs for national security was transmitted by the reference memo of March 11, for the information of the Senior Staff. Revised summary of the current Civil Defense Program submitted March 28; of Foreign Intelligence and related Activities, April 17; of the Military Program, May 10; of the Foreign Information

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Program, May 14; of the National Stockpiling Program, May 15; of the Mutual Security Program, May 20; of the Mobilization Program, May 24. Awaiting preparation of the statements referred to above by other departments and agencies concerned. (See also related project in Section 3-A.)

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